gas in Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring States, and related infrastructure reuqirement for utilization of gas are some of the areas among others, which the consortium will examine in the course of development of Kakinada LNG Project.

Consumption of petroleum products

†60. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the expected consumption of petroleum products in the coming two years;

(b) the quantum of domestic production of such products alongwith quantum of products to be imported; and

(c) the expected amount of foreign exchange to be spent on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The consumption of petroleum products during 2003-04 and 2004-05 is estimated to be around 107 MMT (Million Metric Tonne) and 111 MMT respectively.

(b) and (c) The domestic production and quantum of imports of petroleum products would depend upon several factors which, *inter-alia*, include domestic demand, duty structure, refining margin, export potential, etc. The domestic production of petroleum products during 2003-04 is estimated to be around 114 MMT.

Survey for identification of oil and gas resources

61. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to identify the oil and gas resources in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of places in Uttar Pradesh and other States where

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

exploration of oil and natural gas has been undertaken by various oil companies during the last three years and till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) In order to open up new areas for further exploration and offer these under future exploration rounds, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has carried out reconnatory surveys, as also satellite-gravity, magnetic, aeromagnetic, telluric, and geo-chemical surveys in various parts of the country, both onland and offshore including deep water areas. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) as also private companies have carried out 2-D and 3-D surveys in various parts of the country, in both onland and offshore areas.

During the last three years, exploration for hydrocarbons in the State of Uttar Pradesh was carried in one pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP) Kashipur block in the district of Rampur and in two NELP blocks, namely, block GV-ONN-97/1, falling in the districts of Ghaziabad, Bulandshahar, Moradabad, Badayun, Bareily, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur, Sitapur, Bharaich, Barabanki and Pilibhit, and block GV-ONN-2000/1, falling in the districts of Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Allahabad, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Varanasi and Ghazipur. Exploration for hydrocarbons was also carried out during this period in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.

Introduction of Gasohol

62. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 720 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 2002 and state:

(a) the details in respect of pricing, expected demand and supply as also the phased programme drawn up for introduction of Gasohol in other parts of the country;